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METALLOPROTEINASES AND/OR TNF- α CONVERTING ENZYME (TACE)**

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are represented by the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 24 of this paper.